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WEATHER: Fair tonight and Saturday; light frost tonight. YESTERDAY'S WEATHER DATA: Maximum temperature, 72; minimum, 45; rainfall, .04; wind, west fresh; weather, cloudy, threatening.

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CONFERENCE IS LOOKED UPON AS FAVORABLE SIGN

American Ambassador Gerard Goes to Meet Kaiser Before Reply to Wilson's Note is Sent.

BREAK BELIEVED AVERTED

Answer to Demands Expected to be Satisfactory to United States; Americans in Berlin Remain Indoors as Much as Possible Pending Adjustment of Question.

BERLIN, April 28.—Gerard is due at the kaiser's headquarters this afternoon for a final conference preceding the forwarding of the reply to Wilson's note.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The kaiser has determined upon his reply to Wilson's note and has given Hottelwig final instructions for wording an answer. This was the interpretation that Germans here placed upon the kaiser's invitation to Gerard to visit him. It was declared that the reply therefore would be favorable as it was probable the kaiser would not receive Gerard if there were any danger of a break. It is not believed the kaiser will discuss the details with Gerard but merely will give assurances of Germany's friendship and a desire to continue amicable relations in efforts to meet with the president's demands.

THE HAGUE, April 28.—Positive assurances have reached Gerard that there will be no diplomatic rupture between Germany and America, it was learned reliably. Attaches of the American embassy in Berlin on Saturday began packing their baggage but on Wednesday assurances caused the abandonment of their preparations for departure. The American colony in Berlin learned yesterday that there was no prospect of an early break. Messages to Dutch businessmen said the crisis apparently had passed. Should a break come it would not be before May 5. No reason was given for fixing this date. Since the president's last note, Americans appearing in public have been made to feel uncomfortable. Most of them remain indoors on advice of the police.

STATE HOTEL BLOCK SOLD TO G. J. KOCH FOR \$15,000

Charles J. Koch, proprietor of the Empire Furniture Store, has just purchased the State Hotel brick block on the corner of Webb and Cottonwood street from H. G. Starkweather, administrator for the estate which has owned it. The consideration was \$15,000.

The actual transfer of the property has not yet been made but part payment has been made and the deed will be delivered to Mr. Koch as soon as the abstract is completed.

Mr. Koch purchased the property with a view to moving his furniture store into it. However, the present occupants have a lease until March 1, 1917, and he will be unable to move in until that time. It is a two-story building and the second floor is now used as a rooming house.

Chicago May Wheat Closes Few Cents Up

CHICAGO, April 28.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Today's range of prices on the Chicago exchange was as follows:

Table with columns: Open, High, Close. Rows for May and July wheat prices.

Portland, Ore., April 28.—(Special to the East Oregonian)—Merchant's Exchange prices today were as follows:

Club... \$1 bid, 96 asked. Husted... \$1.02 1/2 bid, \$1.06 asked.

Liverpool, April 27.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba 12s 10d (\$1.86 per bushel); No. 3, 12 s 4d; No. 1 northern spring, 12s 4d; No. 2 red western winter, 11s 5d (\$1.66 per bushel).

K. of C. Lecturer Coming. Preparations are being made for a lecture to be given in the Oregon theater on May 13 by Peter W. Collins of Boston under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus.

E. L. Hahn of Stanfield was among the west of residents here last evening.

Grand Army Men and Women Are Honored Guests at Stirring Show



Over 60 local G. A. R. members of Pendleton, having his home on West Webb street. Mr. Hutchinson is adjutant of Kit Carson Post G. A. R., and the most active member of the local camp. J. S. Gurdane, shown on the right, is the father of T. B. Gurdane, chief of police of Pendleton, and has his home in Riverside. Mr. Gurdane is almost 32 years of age and can remember "when the stars fell" in 1833. He was a captain in the civil war and has had an adventurous, romantic life. The two column cut above is of the usherettes who sent the large audiences at the "Birth of a Nation" performances.

"Birth of a Nation" Stirs Audience to Wild Applause

Marking a new epoch in the history of the drama of the screen in this city the presentation of D. W. Griffith's spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation," at the Oregon theater.

So much had this great picture been advertised and so widely heralded that a crowded house saw the first matinee yesterday afternoon and there was standing room only last night. The best tribute to the picture is to say that those who went there all eagerness and expectancy came away with nerves still quivering with the excitement of the two hour photo drama.

The photography of "The Birth of a Nation" is wonderful, but wonderful as it is, it is still only half of the picture as presented by the company here. No silent picture could stir an audience again and again into cheering and wild applause. It is the music of the twenty-five piece orchestra and the mechanical effects that accompany the picture—not merely accompaniment, but fit into it with a perfection that makes the scenes vivid and real—that lift "The Birth of a Nation" far above the ordinary film production.

The orchestra, complete in instrumentation and under a director of power, interprets the spirit of the moving picture throughout and, so well have the musicians studied the picture and so carefully does their director watch the change of scenes that the orchestral accompaniment is as perfectly attuned to the changing scenes as though the same hand operated both. The crashing, thundering crescendo of battle changes in an instant to a subdued, crooning wail as lurid scenes on the screen give way for an instant to show the part that those at home are playing. The clarion call of the Ku Klux Klan, the dashing tunes of Dixieland, the victorious marches, the fierce strains that stir men's primal passions all found a ready response in the emotions of the audience. More than one eye shed tears at the scenes of sadness and sorrow entailed by war, and more than once the audience was stirred to a gripping silence, and more than once provoked to applaud with unrestrained approval.

The mechanical contrivances that add much to the effect of the picture require eight men for operation. All across the stage back of the curtain the apparatus is placed and from one of the wings where he can see the picture a director is stationed at a switch-board with which he flashes the signals that produce the crashing of cannon, the distant rumblings of battle, the sharp cracking of rifle fire, the galloping of the cavalry charge and various other effects that help in making the picture what it is. In fact nothing has been left undone to make the picture all that it is supposed to be, the greatest drama ever filmed. Much could be written of the various scenes, of the battlefields at night time, of the historical reproductions such as that of the killing of Lincoln and the signing of the down-fall of the confederacy by Lee and Grant at Appomattox, of the mad charge led by the "little colonel" of the gathering of the Ku Klux Klan and the charge of the white-robed saviors of a race and of the scenes depicting the terrifying days when a black peril was created by the folly of politics, but they must be seen and felt to be appreciated. The picture is being shown this afternoon and will be presented again tonight, tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow night.

OPTIMISM DIES DOWN AS IRISH REVOLT SPREADS

General Sir John Maxwell is Reported to Have Landed to Assume Command of British Troops.

SITUATION GROWS CRITICAL

Former Hopeful Statements From London Take Decided Turn and Now the Public is Informed That Crisis is Intending; Further Street Fighting in Dublin.

LONDON, April 28.—General Sir John Maxwell has arrived in Ireland and assumed command of the troops. His point of landing was kept secret. News from Ireland is censored but the press and public admit that the Irish rebellion is the gravest crisis since the war began. It was reported that the counties of Meath and Louth, north of Dublin are centers of rebel activities. Limited passenger service to Ireland has been restored. Wild rumors were circulating regarding street fighting in Dublin. Nothing definite however, is known.

The English public are demanding Casement's early execution. Newspapers reported him as strutting about his cell in the Tower of London, boasting of his success in starting the Dublin revolt. Casement partly has confessed, the government declares, but refuses to name his fellow conspirators. He said that the Germans proposed to first harass England by a series of air and sea raids during Holy week. Meanwhile it was planned to land Casement with a picked force of Germans on the Irish coast, gather recruits and march to Dublin.

The fact that censor permitted the passage of this statement that the Irish situation is the gravest situation since the war began, is regarded as indicative of its seriousness.

NEWS OF PENDLETON

Undergoes Operation. Mrs. Charles Miller underwent a minor operation this morning.

Buys New Auto. C. E. Nelson, district manager of the Equitable Life, has purchased a D-45 Buick auto from the Oregon Motor Garage.

Ships Puppy Across Country. R. H. Barr today sent a five weeks old, thoroughbred Airedale puppy by express to his mother at Lancaster City, Penn., and expects to bring it back with him next July when he goes back for a visit.

Gibson Trial Tomorrow. The trial of Arthur J. Gibson, alleged by Mayor Best to have violated the dancing ordinance, is set for 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in police court. Mr. Gibson has employed Col. J. H. Haley as his attorney and will fight the case.

Button Sale Tomorrow. To raise money for the purchase of votes for Miss Muriel Sailing, Pendleton's candidate for Queen of the Rose Festival, the young ladies of the Phoenix Club will sell festival buttons tomorrow on the streets at ten cents each. Each sale will mean 200 votes additional for the local candidate who is still in the sixth place today.

Advancing Price of Sugar. Since February 1 the wholesale price of sugar to local grocers has been advanced by the wholesalers 11 different times, the advances generally not being heavy. On February 1 the wholesale prices Pendleton was \$7.05 and it is now up to \$8.45. From this price a discount of 25 cents a sack is made for cash. Consequently the net cash wholesale price of sugar is now \$8.20 per sack. There is said to be a probability of still further advances in the sugar price.

Peringer vs. Bradley et al. The case of George E. Peringer vs. M. J. Carney, George W. Bradley and O. J. Huey is occupying the attention of the circuit court today. Plaintiff alleges \$514 to be due him from the defendants on an alleged lease of the livery barn on Thompson street formerly occupied by the City Livery Co. Defendants deny having had a lease and declare their rental stopped when they moved out of the barn. Plaintiff is represented by Fee and Fee and defendants by Frederick Steiner.

L. J. Allen of Corvallis is registered at the Pendleton.

Winners in Recent Eugenic Contests



Top picture, William McKinney, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McKinney, Pendleton, winner of grand championship in boys' contest. Second, Mignon Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund I. Davis, of Hermiston, winner of grand championship in girls' contest. Third, Burke Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Hayes, Pendleton, winner of second place in boys' eugenic contest. Fourth, Dorothy Hampton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Hampton, Pendleton, winner of second place in the girls' eugenic contest.

Sister of Roger Casement to Try to Save His Life

APPEAL WILL BE MADE TO WILSON TO INTERFERE IN HUMANITY'S NAME.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Agnès Newman, a sister of Sir Roger Casement, will appeal to President Wilson to save her brother's life, she declared. Michael Doyle, her attorney, said the appeal will be based on humanitarian grounds, citing as a precedent Brand Whitlock's efforts to save the life of Edith Cavell. Mrs. Newman will try to present the case to the president personally, calling attention to Casement's abolition of the Putumayo rubber atrocities and his good work in the Congo.

New York Irish organizations were declared in sympathy with the rebellion. Colonel Patrick Wallace claimed that 200,000 Irishmen are ready to fight the English.

SYMPATHIZERS OF VILLA ARE TRYING TO START UPRISING

NAMQUIPA, April 28.—Villa sympathizers are actively trying to arouse the natives against the American expedition, the San Antonio advanced base wireless today. It said that two train loads of Carranzistas had passed en route to Cuzhuiriachi, Te-machic and Santatomas to reinforce the garrisons, ostensibly to quell Villista outbursts.

Howse's squadron in a ride through Villista ambushes, penetrating the Durango line 50 miles from the border, will go down in history as a notable feature of the expedition. Natives along the line of Villa's retreat told Americans that Villa had been shot in the head and leg. They said they believed he had died. However the Americans believe he is hiding in the mountains in northern Durango.

Near Santa Cruz a native guide led the Americans into an ambush where Trooper Kirby was killed and four wounded and six horses killed. Mexicans from three villages prepared the ambush. The Americans buried the trooper where he fell. The following morning a sniper wounded another trooper. The Americans fired, killing Lieutenant Beltran, a son of the mayor of Santa Cruz.

While Tompkins' column was fighting a larger force of Mexicans recently. It was learned that Aviator Rader, circling high above, saw Howse's column some distance away and summoned assistance for Tompkins. Since then, San Antonio reported today, the danger of an uprising has been renewed.

EAST END SCHOOLS CARRY OFF HONORS IN SPELLING

Schools of the east end of the county are carrying off the honors in the finals of the county championship spelling contest today. So far all of the place winners have been from the east end schools.

Alice Goodrich of Freewater won first honors in the third grade contest this morning and Wilma Sheley of Umapine second. There were fifteen entered in this division.

Florence Jensen of Ferndale won the fourth grade championship out of eleven contestants and Arloutine Robinson of Weston won second. At press time eight of the ten entries in the eighth grade contest had stumbled over some formidable words and fallen by the wayside, leaving Fay Price of Milton and Luella Latham of Freewater to fight it out for honors.

There were 12 to start in the fifth grade, 13 in the sixth and nine in the seventh. Some of these grades have already exhausted their section of the speller and are spelling words from other sections and from the reader. The contest is being held at the Presbyterian church.

BRITISH WAR-SHIP STRIKES MINE AND IS COMPLETE LOSS

LONDON, April 28.—The British battleship Russell struck a mine and sank in the Mediterranean. Admiral Freemantle, Captain Smith, 22 officers and 676 men were saved, the admiral's announced. One hundred and twenty-four are missing and are believed to have perished. The Russell was 14,000 tons and was built in 1900.

OBREGON COMES WITH A DEMAND OF WITHDRAWAL

Mexican General Declares That De Facto Government Can Handle Situation Without Aid.

SAYS VILLA BADLY WOUNDED

Bandit Reported in Mountains Near Guerrero; Entire City of Juarez Turns Out to Greet Carranza's Representative and Staff; Conference Being Arranged.

JUAREZ, April 28.—"I will demand the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico in my conference with Scott and Funston," Obregon told the United Press today. He has established his headquarters in the custom house room where Taft met Diaz. "The withdrawal of the American troops will be one of the principal points I shall try to arrange at the conference," Obregon said. He declined to discuss other points.

"I telegraphed to Mexico City this morning for instructions regarding the conference and until these arrive, I cannot say whether I will consent to holding meetings on American soil. I intend to keep the entire conference confidential until I meet Scott and Funston. The situation in Mexico is rapidly becoming peaceful. There is not a single bandit group of importance in Chihuahua. A few exist in Durango and Coahuila. They are negotiating to surrender. The Carranza government is able to cope with the situation without outside assistance. I have sufficient troops. Villa is not dead, but is seriously wounded in the leg. He has not had medical attention and is in a grave condition. At last reports he was in the mountains in the vicinity of Guerrero, perhaps heading toward the Sonora border.

Obregon laughed when asked about the rumored rupture with Carranza.

EL PASO, April 28.—The entire city of Juarez turned out to meet General Obregon and his staff, arriving this morning for a conference with Scott. Two hundred of the finest Mexican soldiers seen in years comprise Obregon's personal bodyguard. The troops lined the streets while military bands played. Generals Trevino and Gutierrez, Mayor Herrera of Parral and minor officials accompanied Obregon. There was little cheering, the crowd indicated more curiosity than enthusiasm.

Obregon's staff was surprised that Pershing was at the front. They thought that Dodd was commanding the Americans.

Reports of the increasing feebleness of Carranza's hold upon Mexico were revived with evidence of the depreciation of his currency and a threatened famine.

The result of the conference is expected to be an agreement that the expedition will remain until Carranza captures Villa and pacifies the border territory. The first session will probably be held in Juarez to satisfy Mexican pride and the remainder in El Paso.

Albee Man Found Guilty

Forest Rhinehart of Albee was yesterday afternoon found guilty of the charge of pointing a gun at V. Joyner. The jury was out about an hour and a half before reaching a verdict. Joyner was the complaining witness and alleged that when, as a special constable, he sought to search the house of Rhinehart on a warrant, the latter pointed a gun at him and ordered him out. Defendant sought to show that he put the gun down as soon as Joyner made his business known. Judge Phelps has set tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock as the time for trial.

Col and Mrs. F. S. Ivanhoe of La Grande, arrived today to be week-end guests of Mrs. Laura Nash and to witness "The Birth of a Nation."

German Submarine Is Sunk

LONDON, April 28.—A German submarine was sunk off England yesterday. It was announced. The crew of 15 surrendered. It was announced that the British steamer industry was subsidized in the Atlantic. The crew left in open boats and the steamer Finland rescued them.